Indian territory in illegal occupation of Pakistan and China

3152. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large chunk of our land is under illegal occupation of China and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to receive the land from those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) India has outstanding boundary issues to be resolved with Pakistan and China. Pakistan has been in illegal and forcible occupation of approximately 78,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory.

China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called "Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963", Pakistan illegally ceded 5180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

China also illegally claims approximately 90,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in the eastern Sector of India-China boundary in Arunachal Pradesh.

India and Pakistan are committed under Shimla agreement and as reiterated in the Lahore declaration to resolve outstanding issues peacefully through bilateral dialogue.

India and China seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations. In the Declaration of Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation issued on June 23, 2003, India and China have agreed to each appoint a Special Representative to explore from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship, the framework of a boundary settlement. Five meetings have been held so far between the Special Representatives of the two side.

India as a super power

†3153. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of remarks of American intelligence agencies that India will be one of the super powers in military and economic fields within next fifteen years which will result in changing the views of Asian and European countries towards India; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) National Intelligence Council of U.S., which is responsible for "estimative intelligence" has undertaken a project on "Mapping the Global Future". As part of this project it has released a report on its projection for year 2020 where it has projected that India would become a major global plaer which would transform the geo-political landscape.

(b) The report is an academic exercise and has no direct linkage to U.S. Government policy. There has, therefore, been no official Government of India reaction to the report.

Pakistani Support to Seccessionists

3154. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has continued to provide moral, diplomatic and political support for secessionists in the Himalayan region; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have made clear that the entire State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union, a part of which is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. India and Pakistan are committed under the Shimla Agreement and as reiterated in the Lahore Declaration to resolve outstanding issues peacefully through bilateral dialogue, including the issue of Jammu & Kashmir.

Promotion of Contemporary Indian Art

3155. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ICCR is not making much efforts regarding the promotion of contemporary Indian Art;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps are being taken to exhibit Indian Arts in the key cities of world;